



16PH

1253

1639

Attorney's Docket No.: 06275-286001 / AFG/Z70640-1 US

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John C. Smith *et al.*  
Serial No. : 09/761,580  
Filed : January 18, 2001  
Title : METHODS

Art Unit : 1634  
Examiner : Juliet C. Einsmann

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated October 3, 2002, be extended for three months to and including April 3, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

March 27, 2003

Janis K. Fraser, Ph.D., J.D.  
Reg. No. 34,819

Fish & Richardson P.C.  
225 Franklin Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2804  
Telephone: (617) 542-5070  
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906

20583769.doc

04/04/2003 KGUTERMAI 00000032 09761580

01 FC:1253

930.00 OP

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

March 27, 2003

Date of Deposit

Signature

Janice Gray

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate